IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Re-presented similar to formerly dependent Claim 5) An elongated light for receiving an elongated light source, comprising:

an elongated member having a cavity for receiving the elongated light source and an elongated slit that extends into ~~from~~ the cavity through ~~to an outer surface of~~ the elongated member;

an elongated carrier, the elongated carrier having a slot for receiving the elongated member, the slot and elongated member being adapted so that the elongated member and/or the elongated carrier must be at least partially elastically deformed or bent to insert the elongated member into the slot.

2. (Original) An elongated light according to claim 1 wherein at least part of the elongated member must be at least partially elastically deformed or bent to insert the elongated light source through the slit and into the cavity.

3. (Currently Amended) An elongated light according to claim 1 further comprising means for latching the slit into a closed or substantially closed position.

4. (Original) An elongated light according to claim 1 wherein at least part of the cavity is defined by an at least semi-transparent material that extends from the cavity to an outer

surface of the elongated member.

5. (Canceled) An elongated light according to claim 1 further comprising:

an elongated carrier, the elongated carrier having a slot for receiving the elongated member, the slot and elongated member being adapted so that the elongated member and/or the elongated carrier must be at least partially elastically deformed or bent to insert the elongated member into the slot.

6. (Currently Amended) An elongated light according to claim ~~5~~ 1 wherein the slot and elongated member are adapted so that when the elongated member is in the slot, the elongated carrier provides a closing force to the elongated member to help keep the slit in the elongated member in a closed or substantially closed position.

7. (Original) An elongated light according to claim 1 wherein the elongated light source is an Electro-Luminescent wire.

8. (Original) An elongated light according to claim 1 wherein the elongated light source is a Linear Emitting Fiber.

9. (Original) An elongated light according to claim 1 wherein the slit in the

elongated member is normally open so that the elongated light source may be inserted into the cavity, and wherein the elongated member must be at least partially elastically deformed or bent to close the slit.

10. (Currently Amended) An elongated light for receiving an elongated light source, ~~according to claim 9 further~~ comprising:

an elongated member having a cavity for receiving the elongated light source and an elongated slit that extends into the cavity through the elongated member;

an elongated carrier, the elongated carrier having a slot for receiving the elongated member~~, the slot and elongated member being adapted so that the elongated member and/or the elongated carrier must be at least partially elastically deformed or bent to insert the elongated member into the slot~~; and

the slot and clongated member are adapted so that when the elongated member is in the slot, the elongated carrier provides a closing force to the elongated member to help keep the slit in the elongated member in a closed or substantially closed position.

11. (Re-presented similar to formerly dependent claim 15) An elongated light, comprising:

an elongated light source;

an elongated member having a length with a cavity, the cavity extending along at least a

major length of the elongated member for receiving the elongated light source; ~~and~~

an elongated slit that extends along at least a major length of the cavity, the slit extending ~~from~~ into the cavity through ~~to an outer surface of~~ the elongated member;

an elongated carrier, the elongated carrier having a slot for receiving the elongated member, the slot and elongated member being adapted so that the elongated member and/or the elongated carrier must be at least partially elastically deformed or bent to insert the elongated member into the slot; and

the slot and elongated member are adapted so that when the elongated member is in the slot, the elongated carrier provides a closing force to the elongated member to help keep the slit in the elongated member in a closed or substantially closed position.

12. (Original) An elongated light according to claim 11 wherein at least part of the elongated member must be at least partially elastically deformed or bent to insert the elongated light source through the slit and into the cavity.

13. (Currently Amended) An elongated light according to claim 11 further comprising means for latching the slit into a closed or substantially closed position.

14. (Original) An elongated light according to claim 11 wherein the slit in the elongated member is normally open so that the elongated light source may be inserted into the

cavity, and wherein the elongated member must be at least partially elastically deformed or bent to close the slit.

15. (Canceled) An elongated light according to claim 11 further comprising:

an elongated carrier, the elongated carrier having a slot for receiving the elongated member, the slot and elongated member being adapted so that the elongated member and/or the elongated carrier must be at least partially elastically deformed or bent to insert the elongated member into the slot; and

the slot and elongated member are adapted so that when the elongated member is in the slot, the elongated carrier provides a closing force to the elongated member to help keep the slit in the elongated member substantially closed.

16. (Original) An elongated light according to claim 11 wherein at least part of the cavity is defined by an at least semi-transparent material that extends from the cavity to an outer surface of the elongated member.

17. (Original) An elongated light according to claim 11 wherein the elongated light source is an Electro-Luminescent wire.

18. (Original) An elongated light according to claim 11 wherein the elongated

light source is a Linear Emitting Fiber.

19. (Currently Amended) An elongated light, comprising:

an electro-luminescent wire;

an elongated member having a length with a cavity, the cavity extending along at least part of the length of the elongated member and being adapted for receiving the electro-luminescent wire; and

an elongated slit that extends along at least part of the cavity, the slit extending ~~from~~ into the cavity through ~~to an outer surface of~~ the elongated member;

an elongated carrier, the elongated carrier having a slot for receiving the elongated member.

20. (Original) An elongated light according to claim 19 wherein at least part of the cavity is defined by an at least semi-transparent material that extends from the cavity to an outer surface of the elongated member.

21. (Newly Presented) An elongated light for receiving an elongated light source, comprising:

an elongated member having a cavity for receiving the elongated light source and an elongated slit that extends into the cavity through the elongated member; and

an elongated carrier, the elongated carrier having a slot for receiving the elongated member.

22. (Newly Presented) An elongated light for receiving an elongated light source, comprising:

an elongated member having a cavity for receiving the elongated light source and an elongated slit that extends into the cavity through the elongated member; and

a latch to latch the slit into a closed or substantially closed position.

23. (Newly Presented) An elongated light for receiving an elongated light source, comprising:

an elongated member having a cavity for receiving the elongated light source and an elongated slit that extends into the cavity through the elongated member, wherein at least part of the cavity is defined by an at least semi-transparent material that extends from the cavity to an outer surface of the elongated member, and at least part of the elongated member includes a non-transparent material between the cavity and an outer surface of the elongated member.

24. (Newly Presented) An elongated light for receiving an elongated light source, comprising:

an elongated member having a cavity for receiving the elongated light source and an

elongated slit that extends into the cavity through the elongated member, the elongated slit being defined by two slit defining surfaces wherein the two slit defining surfaces are touching one another.

25. (Newly Presented) An elongated light according to claim 24 wherein at least part of the cavity is defined by an at least semi-transparent material that extends from the cavity to an outer surface of the elongated member, and at least part of the elongated member includes a non-transparent material between the cavity and an outer surface of the elongated member.